

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, 1956-2015¹

Betty S. Becker	1956-1959	Michael Einheuser	1975-1991
Gladys F. Canty	1956-1959	Mildred Jeffrey	1975-1991
Warren B. Cooksey	1956-1959	Dauris Jackson (Mrs.) ¹³	1977-1979
Louise C. Grace	1956-1959	Richard C. Van Dusen ¹⁴	1979-1991
Leonard Kasle	1956-1959	George Romney	1979-1985
William D. Merrifield	1956-1959	Murray E. Jackson ¹⁵	1981-2001
Remus G. Robinson	1956-1959	C. Gary Artinian	1985-1993
Roscoe O. Bonisteel, Sr.	1956-1959	George N. Bashara	1985-1993
Forest H. Akers ²	1956-1957	Robert H. Naftaly	1987-1994
Charles G. Burns ³	1956-1957	Elizabeth Hardy	1991-2006
Melvin E. Bleich	1956-1959	Brenda M. Scott ¹⁶	1991-1995
Connor D. Smith ⁴	1957-1958	Michael Timmis ¹⁷	1991-1997
Chris H. Magnusson	1957-1959	Denise J. Lewis	1993-2001
Don Stevens	1958-1959	Edgar A. Scribner	1993-2001
Clair A. White	1959-1961	Diane Dunaskiss	1995-
DeWitt T. Burton	1959-1969	Vernice D. Anthony ¹⁸	1995-1998
Michael Ference, Jr. ⁵	1959-1965	Annetta Miller	1997-2012
Leonard Woodcock ⁶	1959-1970	John Kelly ¹⁹	1999-2002
Benjamin D. Burdick ⁷	1959-1964	Paul E. Massaron	2001-
Jean McKee	1959-1967	Jacquelin E. Washington	2001-2009
Thomas B. Adams	1962-1969	Paul Hillegonds	2002-2004
Alfred H. Whittaker	1964-1971	Eugene Driker	2002-2014
Charles H. Gershenson ⁸	1964-1965	Richard Bernstein	2003-2010
Norman O. Stockmeyer, Sr.	1964-1975	Tina Abbott	2005-2012
William B. Hall ⁹	1965-1967	Debbie Dingell	2007-2014
Benjamin M. Rose ¹⁰	1965-1969	Gary S. Pollard	2009-
Alfred H. Sokolowski	1967-1975	Danialle Karmanos ²⁰	2011-2013
Wilber M. Brucker, Jr. ¹¹	1967-1979	David A. Nicholson	2013-
Augustus J. Calloway	1969-1977	Sandra O'Brien	2013-
Kurt R. Keydel	1969-1981	Kim Trent	2013-
George C. Edwards	1969-1985	Marilyn Kelly	2015-
Leon H. Atchison	1970-2003	Dana Thompson	2015-
Max J. Pincus ¹²	1971-1987		

¹ Act 183 of 1956, establishing Wayne State University as a state institution of higher learning, also fixed the membership and powers of its governing board. Section 2 of the act created a temporary board of governors to serve until a "permanent" board could be elected at the regular biennial spring election of 1959. This temporary board consisted of 11 members representing the following: Detroit Board of Education (7 members serving on the effective date of Act 183 of 1956) - Becker, Canty, Cooksey, Grace, Kasle, Merrifield, Robinson; University of Michigan Board of Regents (1 member) - Bonisteel; State Board of Agriculture (1 member) - Akers; State Board of Education (1 member) - Burns; Governor's Office (1 member) - Bleich. This original board served from June 14, 1956 to May 19, 1959.

Section 3 of Act 183 provided for the election of a permanent, 6-member board, 2 members each to serve terms of 2 (Burton, White), 4 (Ference, Woodcock), and 6 (Burdick, McKee) years. Following the election of this first permanent board, 2 members were each elected for terms of 6 years, beginning with the spring election of 1961.

To facilitate the transition of board operations under the provisions of the Constitution of 1908 to those of the Constitution of 1963, Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963 was enacted. The act extended by 1 year the terms of office of the 6 members of the sitting board (McKee, Burdick, Burton, Adams, Whittaker, Woodcock) and required the appointment by the governor of an additional 2 members to each serve a 1-year term. These appointments increased board membership to 8, as required by the Constitution of 1963. The election of the first board members under the Constitution of 1963 occurred at the general election in November 1964. See Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.

² Resigned; succeeded by Connor D. Smith September 1957.

³ Term of office on State Board of Education expired June 30, 1957; succeeded by Chris H. Magnusson August 1957.

⁴ Resigned; succeeded by Don Stevens February 1958.

⁵ Appointed to 1-year term January 21, 1964. See Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963; Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.

⁶ Resigned; succeeded by Leon H. Atchison November 18, 1970.

⁷ Resigned; succeeded by Norman O. Stockmeyer, Sr. January 21, 1964.

⁸ Appointed to 1-year term January 21, 1964. See Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963; Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.

⁹ One of first members elected under Constitution of 1963 and Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963; resigned and succeeded by Wilber M. Brucker, Jr., September 19, 1967.

¹⁰ One of first members elected under Constitution of 1963 and Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963; deceased; succeeded by Kurt R. Keydel April 30, 1969.

¹¹ Resigned; succeeded by Richard C. Van Dusen April 1, 1979.

¹² Deceased; succeeded by Robert H. Naftaly September 4, 1987.

¹³ Deceased; succeeded by George Romney November 29, 1979.

¹⁴ Deceased; succeeded by Michael Timmis September 24, 1991.

¹⁵ Resigned November 12, 2001; succeeded by Paul Hillegonds January 30, 2002.

¹⁶ Resigned October 25, 1995; succeeded by Michael Timmis following his resignation from the term he was completing, which was to expire on December 31, 1996.

¹⁷ Appointed by Governor John Engler on September 24, 1991, to complete Richard Van Dusen's term, which expired December 31, 1996; resigned on November 27, 1995, and reappointed on November 28, 1995, to complete Brenda Scott's term, which was to expire on December 31, 1998; resigned from second appointment effective December 31, 1996; Timmis succeeded by Vernice D. Anthony on November 28, 1995 (to complete Van Dusen's original term expiring December 31, 1996) and on January 1, 1997 (to complete Scott's original term expiring December 31, 1998).

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¹⁸ Appointed by Governor John Engler on November 28, 1995, to fill vacancy created by resignation of Michael Timmis, who was completing Richard Van Dusen's term expiring December 31, 1996; appointed to fill vacancy effective January 1, 1997, created by resignation of Michael Timmis, who was completing Brenda Scott's term expiring December 31, 1998.

¹⁹ Resigned December 18, 2002; succeeded by Eugene Driker December 18, 2002.

²⁰ Resigned February 1, 2013; succeeded by David A. Nicholson February 4, 2013.

Sources: Archives, *Michigan Department of State Record of Civil Officers, 1835-1962*; Bureau of Elections, Michigan Department of State; *Constitutions of the State of Michigan*; Great Seal Office, *Michigan Department of State Record of Civil Officers, 1963 - present*; *Public and Local Acts of Michigan*; and Secretary of the Board of Governors, Wayne State University.